

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A) (4)

TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: November 20, 2012

FROM: R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the Florida
Commissioner of Agriculture &
Consumer Services to work with
Miami-Dade County in creating a
rest stop near Tallahassee for
cattle being transported from
Texas and other cattle-producing
states in that region to Miami for
the Miami International
Agriculture, Horse & Cattle Show

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Senator Javier D. Souto.



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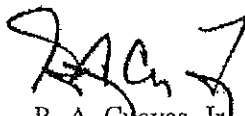


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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☒ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- ☐ No committee review
- ☐ Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____) to approve
- ☐ Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor

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Veto _____

11-20-12

Override _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE & CONSUMER SERVICES TO WORK WITH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY IN CREATING A REST STOP NEAR TALLAHASSEE FOR CATTLE BEING TRANSPORTED FROM TEXAS AND OTHER CATTLE-PRODUCING STATES IN THAT REGION TO MIAMI FOR THE MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURE, HORSE & CATTLE SHOW

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County has a long history in both agriculture and cattle in a state known for both; and

WHEREAS, the annual Miami International Agriculture, Horse & Cattle Show has been an excellent opportunity to showcase the significance of these activities, as well as link the U.S. and international cattle and horse industries in Miami to promote agri-business, which has generated a steady increase in the export of live animals and genetic materials to Latin America and the Caribbean; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Cattlemen's Association, more than 50 percent of the total value of U.S. sales of cattle and calves comes from the following five states:

1. Texas
2. Kansas
3. Nebraska
4. Iowa
5. Colorado; and

WHEREAS, because of South Florida's geographic proximity to Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as the success of the Miami International Agriculture, Horse and Cattle Show,

exports of equine and bovine live animals, as well as genetic materials, have been rapidly growing; and

WHEREAS, according to the USDA, in 2011 South Florida exported 2,615 live horses and 191 head of cattle via the Port of Miami, Port Everglades and Miami International Airport and in the first eight months of this year alone, these numbers have grown to 3,010 live horses and 785 head of cattle; and

WHEREAS, a facility needs to be developed as a rest stop between the Southeastern United States where many of the horses and cattle that are exhibited or shipped out of the United States originate and South Florida; and

WHEREAS, Tallahassee is centrally located on Interstate 10 as a good such rest stop; and

WHEREAS, a location such as the Leon County Fairgrounds near Tallahassee would be ideally suited for such a horse and cattle rest stop; and

WHEREAS, this Board requests that the Florida Commissioner of Agriculture & Consumer Services work with Miami-Dade County in creating a rest stop near Tallahassee for horses and cattle being transported from Texas and other states to South Florida,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Urges the Florida Commissioner of Agriculture & Consumer Services to work with Miami-Dade County in creating a rest stop near Tallahassee for horses and cattle

being transported from Texas and other states to South Florida for exhibition, sale and export to Latin America and the Caribbean.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, Commissioner of Agriculture & Consumer Services, Chair and Members of the Senate Agriculture Committee, Chair and Members of the House Agriculture Committee, and Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the actions set forth in Section 1 above, and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2013 State Legislative Package when it is presented to the Board.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Senator Javier D. Souto. It was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Joe A. Martinez, Chairman	
Audrey M. Edmonson, Vice Chairwoman	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Lynda Bell
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.	Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Jean Monestime	Dennis C. Moss
Rebeca Sosa	Sen. Javier D. Souto
Xavier L. Suarez	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 20th day of November, 2012. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jess M. McCarty", is written over a horizontal line.

Jess M. McCarty